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FROM : Chief, MAILING DESK *DM*

DATE: 5 June 1958

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SUBJECT: GENERAL - REDWOOD/COMPROVE/OPERATIONS

SPECIFIC - Mykhaylo RUDKO - May 1958 Progress Report

REFERENCES: As indicated herein.

ACTION REQUIRED: Please assign cryptonym and file number.

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1. Synopsis of Developments: Contact was re-established with Mykhaylo RUDKO to determine if he has been approached for recruitment by the RIS and if not, to keep him on tap for this eventuality. He also appears to have some exploitable potential as an informant for which he will be assessed. RUDKO appears willing to cooperate with the AIS and contacts will be held to a minimum.

2. Developments:

a. When RUDKO was contacted for the first time by [redacted] on 14 May 1958, he appeared to have accepted [redacted] and [redacted] as with the same AIS group with which RUDKO had contact earlier. ~~As for~~ he was terminated from the defunct REDBOX project, RUDKO clung to the hope that the AIS would pick him up again. When he saw he would not be re-utilized, he did not become cynical despite the fact the AIS allegedly had implied he would be re-employed.

b. RUDKO's application for emigration to the United States was finally cleared in March 1958 after an investigation which took 10 years. He says he may visit the United States once his visa is granted but he will make Munich his place of permanent residence. He feels he has adjusted to, and is satisfied with, life in Germany.

c. RUDKO is interested in serving as an informant and volunteered that his current employment lends itself to exploitation as an informant. He appears to be very objective, that is, he reports first the facts and then if necessary his conclusions. (See the attachments for detailed commentary, including RUDKO's data on what appears to be a possible lead.)

3. Plans: Initially we plan to contact RUDKO more frequently for purposes of assessment and guidance. Subsequently we will broach to him the possibility of an RIS approach to him and discuss the method in which

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he should handle himself in the event of an approach. Following this initial period of handling, frequency of contacts will depend on our assessment of his service as an informant. In any event, we will avoid establishing HUNKO as a regularly-contacted informant in view of plans to maintain contact with a series of what may be described as leads and/or contacts.

4. Attachments: Forwarded herewith as Attachments A and B are Contact Reports Numbers 1 and 2.

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As stated above in para 4.

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CONTACT REPORT

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Att. A to EGMA- 34324

AGENT: Mykhaylo HUDKO

DATE: 14 May 1958

CASE OFFICER: []

CONTACT REPORT NO: 1

DATE AND TIME OF CONTACT: 14 May 1958, 1230 hours

RV PLACE: Loewenbraeu Keller

PLACE MEETING HELD: Weinbauer Restaurant in Gruenwald

DURATION MEETING: Two hours

PURPOSE OF MEETING: Establish Contact with emigre who appears to have exploitable potential as an informant; and determine if emigre has been approached for recruitment by the RLS and if not keep emigre on tap for such eventuality.

SECURITY: NA

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ADMIN/FINANCE: NA

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED: 22 May 1958, 1800 hours

COMMUNICATIONS: See attachment.

OPERATIONAL MATTERS AND COMMENTS: See Attached.

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OPERATIONAL MATTERS AND COMMENTS

SUBJECT: RV with Mykhaylo RUDKO on 11 May 1958 (Contact Report #1)

1. Following analysis of Munich base's file data on Mykhaylo RUDKO (born 2 March 1917, Dytiatyn, Stanislaw, Ukraine), including AIS/OA traffic, it was decided to re-establish contact with RUDKO, who appears to have exploitable potential as an informant, to determine if he has been approached for recruitment by the AIS and, if this has not already occurred, keep him on tap for such an eventuality. RUDKO's position, as assistant director of the local UUAAC (United Ukrainian American Relief Committee, located at Munich 13, Augustenstrasse 36/III, phones: 592069 and 591544), is one which appears to be attractive to the AIS since not only does he have access to UUAAC's files (on Ukrainian emigres who have applied for emigration to the USA and other countries) but his position allows him free movement among the entire Uke emigration in Munich and the rest of Germany. (He stated he visits the other UUAAC stations in Germany, including Duesseldorf and Bamberg, and that he intends to re-open the UUAAC office in Nuernberg at Camp Valka.) The next several meetings will be devoted to assessing his potential as an informant who is in a position to provide leads on Ukrainians of interest to the AIS.

2. Method in which contact was re-established: [redacted] went to the vicinity of RUDKO's office to approach him as he left for lunch. When RUDKO did not appear in about 20 minutes, [redacted] phoned the UUAAC office from a public phone booth. Mrs. CHAIKOVSKA answered and said RUDKO was attending a welfare conference at the Denno Saal of the Loewenbraeu Keller and that [redacted] (who did not leave his name but said since he was visiting Munich he wanted to pass greetings from mutual friends) could have RUDKO paged at the Keller. At the Loewenbraeu Keller, [redacted] one of the waitresses paged RUDKO who accepted the same story which [redacted] related to CHAIKOVSKA. While driving to the restaurant, Philabaum discussed RUDKO regarding the legend and said he was employed with the same AIS with which RUDKO had contact earlier. RUDKO appeared to be convinced about [redacted] bona fides, especially during subsequent mentions of [redacted] who worked with RUDKO in the defunct REUSOX project.

3. RUDKO said he had given up hope that the AIS would recontact him following his termination in the old REUSOX program. He indicated that although there was a termination agreement the AIS men led him to believe that he would be picked up subsequently for use in another project. He appeared surprised that during these years the AIS had not recontacted him since he feels he is located in a very good position to be used as an informant.

He said he was not concerned since he felt AIS silence probably was due to the difficulties he has encountered during his processing in the last d[redacted] emigration to the U.S.A. He said [redacted] was aware of the "stupid" decisions which were passed to him by a Latvian, Alfred [redacted] (possibly WL. [redacted]), at Nuernberg during 1949. (Allegedly [redacted] did not care for RUDKO's policy of employing not only Latvians but other nationalities; for .

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A. Another example of RUDKO's perception and objectiveness revolves around his two contacts with Olesliwa. In this case he volunteered during the discussion. He determined that she appears to have established contact with a tremendous number of Ukrainian emigres in Munich during her short stay in Munich since late 1957. When she came to him for assistance he was aware she was attempting to elicit data from him and he immediately suspected her motivations. However, he was forced to provide her with UUAAC advice and help in getting assistance until he heard from UUAAC headquarters that she was disallowed until further investigation was completed. (Do not press RUDKO for further data at this time.)

B. Re paragraph 3 above, RUDKO added he has no bitter feelings against the United States Government or the AIS. He blames the difficulties in his emigration case on normal bureaucratic practices. He said ordinarily he would have been antipathetic toward the Americans but his job at UUAAC has opened his eyes regarding bureaucracy, i.e., that situations are governed by existing laws or regulations. His status at UUAAC has served him beneficially in two ways in terms of his personal problems: the first concerns the slowness of his emigration case. He said that a great number of emigres have begged him to push their cases along. In some cases, he has managed to expedite things but in most he has failed. His failure was due either to lack of time, because of work on cases which had more priority or he was hand-cuffed by rules and regulations of the U.S. Government or UUAAC or his own group. He was unable to pacify the emigres since their aim was to get to the U.S.A. and they did not care what was involved to get them there. In the second place, he figured that, despite the denunciation on the books against him which did not permit his emigration, he was permitted by the Americans to retain his UUAAC job which he does not take lightly. Not that he was waiting to receive a notice of termination during past number of years, but he felt that there were Americans who understood his case and the denunciations which were responsible for the delays. He said there was a time when he was re-hot in his ambition to leave for the U.S.A. However, he feels his work with the welfare of Ukrainian emigres has given him sufficient compensation and motivation to continue working in Munich in this field.

9. Regarding his living quarters, he said he now shares an apartment at Agnesstrasse 43/II with Dr. Antoni Paskaluk (the phone number there is 374098). Until very recently RUDKO had been on very good terms with PASKALUK. However, the latter apparently accepted some gossip from a woman and he began petty arguments with RUDKO. RUDKO now finds it difficult to live in the same apartment with PASKALUK who appears to be the type of person who exaggerates petty matters and feels that anyone who is not with him all the way is against him and that further that person has sided with RUDKO against him. RUDKO wants no more of this and is planning to leave PASKALUK within the next two-three weeks. When Lyubomyr OLETSKY emigrated to the U.S.A. several years ago, RUDKO had purchased OLETSKY's apartment at Nordendstrasse 5/0 (phone 291745) for DM 1,500. This apartment has been rented to a family named SCHMIDT; when RUDKO moves out of the Agnesstrasse 43 apartment he will move into a room in the Nordendstrasse apartment.

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10. It is noted that RUDKO speaks and understands English, probably due to his extensive contacts with USEP.

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Att. 0 to EGMA- 34314

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AGENT: Rykhaylo RUDKO

DATE: 29 May 1956

CASE OFFICER: []

CONTACT REPORT NO.: 2

DATE AND TIME OF CONTACT: 26 May 1956, 1900 hours

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RV PLACE: Near park on Maximilian strasse

PLACE MEETING HELD: While cruising and Miami restaurant

DURATION MEETING: About 3½ hours

PURPOSE OF MEETING: Routine; assess agent's potential as an informant.

SECURITY: NA

ADMIN/FINANCE: NA

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED: Will be scheduled

COMMUNICATIONS: See attachment

OPERATIONAL MATTERS AND COMMENTS: See Attached.

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SUBJECT: 22 with 11/11/11, 11/11/11, 11/11/11 (Contact report #2)

2. He has reviewed a great length his observations at the 3 Societies collaborating the last little time he spent at the Mitchell Fair, primarily at the Soviet and American exhibits. In the course of his observation, during which he brought up a number of local charges and attacked the affair, he spoke of leniency at Moscow. He would appeared to have been on-the-spot and made it a point to speak with many charges and went to Rotterdam, including the one mentioned in excerpt 10 about three times. From Moscow's statements, [redacted] there was being his treatment self vis-a-vis Moscow, both kidding one another about their girl-friends or lack of same. Later during his narration, Moscow volunteered he was closer to the truth when they lived in Amsterdam, which was the time that he had the CIC contacts. Moscow's convictions of the matter are as follows: Rotterdam's status as a journalist would normally lead him to desire he could be a Soviet agent. However, my personal opinion is that he is free from any entanglement with such affairs despite his endeavors to that effect and despite the fact that his status would make him interesting in the eyes of the SIS."

A. KATKO went on to relate an incident about AULSTILL related to his employment at the Junior Office of CON-8 (where KATKO works). AULSTILL travels at least once per week to Montgomery, Birmingham or Passaic. Toward the end of January or early February, 1968, AULSTILL was to make a trip alone to Montgomery when the office executives decided KATKO should accompany AULSTILL. The reason for this decision was that AULSTILL is considered as being a

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businessman and this 1941 trip involved discussions with Germans. Plans were made for KERO and KREBSIL' to meet at the KERO office in plenty of time to leave for the Hauptbahnhof. KERO arrived as he usually does since he is the only one, except for an old janitor, who has the key to the office. When KREBSIL' did not appear, KERO waited around the office and determined that KREBSIL' had not yet arrived. KERO did not leave alone for the Hauptbahnhof since he believed that KREBSIL' would have telephoned him to come to the Hauptbahnhof without first stopping at the office. KERO ultimately postponed the trip since he did not hear from KREBSIL'. Later, when, as it turned out, KREBSIL' returned from Rezenburg, he explained he had forgotten the arrangements. KERO accepted this with sarcasm and did not say anything to KREBSIL'. However, KERO is certain that KREBSIL', for unknown reasons, did not want him to accompany him that day to Rezenburg. KERO does not exclude the possibility that KREBSIL' may have had a secret rendezvous in Rezenburg or elsewhere about which he wanted no one to be informed. In view of this, KERO readily agreed to pass the COARC files on KREBSIL' and Tatyana ANOLINA, a Ukrainian who commutes daily from Rosenheim for work at KERO. (ANOLINA is described as KREBSIL's closest confidante at KERO.)

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